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- The Tomori-Lubesh-Kapinove area, east of Berati, and on the eastern slope of the Tomarus mountain range (2,400 meters), has been practically occupied by 2 and 17 Mountain Infantry Battalions, and Albanian police (DMP).
- 2. It is rumored that military works on a considerable scale will be started in the spring 1949, in the neighborhood of the Maja and Tomarit (2,417 meters) mountains of the Tomarus range. There are also rumors of installation of rocket batteries.
- 3. Since 10 January 1949, any person wishing to leave Berati in a southern direction - the Cerevoda road - must be supplied with a special pass from the DMP in Berati. The police refuse to issue these passes to non-residents in the Berati-Cerevoda area, and the road is patrolled day and night by military and police.
- The road from the Tomori-Donika mountains has been completely closed since 10 January by patrols.
- 5. Large consignments of cement, wood and iron sent to Berati, were re-directed towards Cerevoda for the three localities Tomori-Lubesh-Kapinove.
- Three engineering companies arrived in Berati at the end of January 1949 from Elbasan. After three days in Berati they proceeded towards Cerevoda.

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